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Réf. I FUHRERBEFEHL No 003830/42 - 9 KV. 18-10-42 - OKW/WFST

II. - F S O b. WEST. No 1750/44 – 9 K. b. 23/6/44
(pour OKW/WFST, seulement).

Concerne: Traitement des commandos

I. - Même après le débarquement les anglo-Américains en France, l'ordre du Fuhrer, concernant l'anéantissement des Troupes de Terrorisme et de sabotage conserve pleinement sa valeur.

Sont exceptés les soldats ennemis en uniforme dans la zone de combat immédiate de la tête de pont, c'est-à-dire dans la zone des divisions combattant en première ligne jusque et inclusivement les généralcommandos, conformément à l'article 5 de l'ordre fondamentale du 18 Oct. 1942

II. Tous les membres des Troupes de sabotage et de terrorisme auxquels il fait joindre en principe tous les parachutistes rencontrés en dehors de la zone de combat immédiate, sont à abattre dans le combat. Dans les cas particuliers ils sont à remettre aux S.D.

Toutes les troupes engagées en dehors de la zone de combat de Normandie doivent être mises brièvement et clairement au courant de la necessité d'anéantir les troupes ennemies de sabotage et de terrorisme dans le sens des présentes dispositions.

IV. Le Commandant en chef à l'Ouest rendra compte parallèlement du nombre de saboteurs qui auront été anéantis de cette façon. La même prescription s'applique essentiellement aux entreprises des MILITARBEFEHLSHABERS. Le chiffre sera indiqué journellement dans le communiqué de la WEHRMACHT afin d'obtenir un effet d'intimidation comme on a déjà réussi à le faire dans les entreprises de commandos antérieurs.

Additif pour le commandant en Chef du Sud-Est, sur le Théatre d'opérations Italien: On agira dans le même sens.

Signé : KEITEL

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Doc. No. 551-PS Date 2 October 1945

STAFF EVIDENCE ANALYSIS

DESCRIPTION OF ATTACHED DOCUMENT (Under following headings).

Title and Nature: Keitel's Order on Execution of Hitler's Order of 18 October 1942 (re Killing of Parachutists) in Normandy. (Top Secret).

Date: 25-26 June 1944 Original (x) Copy ( ) Language: German

LOCATION OF ORIGINAL (also WITNESS if applicable) as of 2 October 1945:

OCC files, Nurnberg

SOURCE OF ORIGINAL:

OKW Files, Flensburg

PERSONS IMPLICATED:

HITLER, Adolf; KEITEL, Wilhelm; JODL, Alfred; WARLIMONT, Walter

REFERENCES TO INDEX HEADINGS (Key to Par. nos. of Summary below):

ATROCITIES: Against Military Personnel; WEHRMACHT: OKW; GENEVA CONVENTION, BREACH OF; POLICE: SD

NECESSARY PROCESSING TO PUT IN EVIDENTIARY FORM; LEADS:

Doc. 1301-PS; 531-PS

SUMMARY OF RELEVANT POINTS (with page references):

1. Reference is made:

a. to the Fuehrer Order of 18 October 1942, specifying that all participants in commando raids andother sabotage missions be killed in combat without quarter, disregarding the wearing of uniforms. In special cases, ie., if turned over to the Wehrmacht by civilian police, they should be handed over to the SD. (Document 1301-PS).

b. to Rundstedt's question whether the Fuehrer Order should not be disregard for the Normandy campaign (Document 531-PS).

2. This order is applicable in full force after the D-Day landings; excepted only are uniformed enemies in front of the Corps rear boundary. (Par. 1) Paragrap 2 repeats the gist of the Fuehrer Order of 18 October 1942.

3. All troops committed outside the battle area are to be informed briefly and concisely of these directions. (par. 3)

4. Paragraph 4 charges the Armed Forces Commander, West, to make daily numerical reports on saboteurs killed in this manner for publication in the official Wehrmacht communique. This applies also to operations of the Military Commander (of France, outside the combat zone). From this publication, a deterring effect is expected as attained with the original Fuehrer Order.

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5. There are 3 copies of this order in this file, two of them dated 25 June. The first is a draft with extensive pencil revisions. The second is signed by Keitel, who also added the Italian Armed Forces Commander on the Distribution. Warlimont initials his copy and forwards it to Jodl, who adds an additional order for the Italian Armed Forces Commander that the order would apply there according to its import. On the third order, this addition is incorporated, it also carries the stamp of the Message Center which dispatched the order by teletype.

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26 June 1944
TOP SECRET (Rubber Stamp)
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Checked before Release) in pencil
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KR -- Teletype

To
1.) Supreme Commander West
2.) Chief of Army General Staff
3.) OKH/Ia Fü. Stab
4.) OKM/1.Skl.
5.) Reichsführer SS - Command Staff
6.) Military Commander, France
7.) Military Commander, Belgium/Northern France
8.) Armed forces Commander, Netherlands
9.) OKW/WR
10.) Supreme Commander Southwest (in pencil).

Reference: 1.) Führer Order No. 003830/42 Top Secret of 18 Oct 1942 OKW/WFSt
2.) Teletype Supreme Commander West No. 1750/44 Top Secret of 23 June 1944 (only to OKW/WFSt).

Subject: Treatment of Kommando Participants.

1.) Even after the landing of Anglo-Americans in France, the order of the Führer on the destruction of terror and sabotage units of 18 Oct 1942 remains fully in force.

Enemy soldiers in uniform in the immediate combat area of the bridgehead, that is, in the area of the divisions fighting in the most forward lines as well as of the reserves up to the Corps Commands, according to #5 of the basic order of 18 Oct 1942, remain exempted.

2.) All members of terror and sabotage units, found outside the immediate combat area, who include fundamentally all parachutists, are to be killed in combat. In special cases, they are to be turned over to the SD.

3.) All troops, committed outside the combat area of Normandy, are to be informed about the duty to destroy enemy terror and sabotage units briefly and succinctly according to the directives, issued for it.

4.) Supreme Commander West will report immediately daily, how many saboteurs have been liquidated in this manner. This applies especially also to undertakings by the military commanders. The number is to be published daily in the Armed Forces communique to exercise a frightening effect, as has already been done toward previous Kommando undertakings in the same manner.

(Initial) W (Warlimont)

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(signature) Keitel

OKW/WFSt/Qu. (Verw.1)
Nr. 005688/44, Top Secret

Addition for Supreme Commander Southwest)
Similar action is to be taken in the Italian) (written by hand .
theater of war.)

(initial) J (Jodl)

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7 November 1945

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WILLARD EVANS SKIDMORE
Lt (jg) USNR
391590.

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